



# SUMMARY MINUTES

## ABAG CALFED Task Force Legislative/Governance Sub-Committee Meeting

January 17, 2003

Conference Room B, 101 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland CA 94607-4756

### WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the absence of Chairman, Mike Rippey, Vice-Chairman Greg Zlotnick called the meeting to order at 1:30p.m. and welcomed all present. Attendance was as follows:

#### Members Present

Barbara Kondylis  
Brian Lee (Rose Jacobs Gibson's representative)  
Doug Wallace  
Greg Zlotnick (Vice-Chairman)  
Julia Maclay  
Mike Thompson  
Lisa Sheldon  
Robert Raab  
Steven J. Ellis

#### Jurisdiction

Solano County  
County of San Mateo  
East Bay Municipal Utility District  
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
Sonoma County Water Agency  
Sonoma County Water Agency  
Friends of the Estuary  
Zone 7 Water Agency

#### ABAG/CALFED Staff Present

Kathleen Van Velsor  
Mary Selkirk  
Vina Maharaj

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### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

### CONCEPTS FOR MEASURE 50 REGIONAL FUNDING PROPOSALS AND WAYS TO INTEGRATE THEM INTO NBWA AND BAWAC CONCEPTS

Mary Selkirk provided the members with a written handout of proposed principles for Programs/Funds related to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. She invited Lisa Sheldon and Mike Thompson of Sonoma County Water Agency to talk about the approach that the North Bay Water Shed Association Prop. 50 Coalition is taking with regard to Prop. 50 funding implementation. Selkirk invited members to discuss the proposed funding principles and present it to the full task force at their next meeting. She said the goal of the Task Force was to convey a consistent message in Sacramento regarding having a regional approach through funding opportunities provided by Prop. 50 and other avenues.

## **MEASURE 50 ALLOCATION FORMULA AND LEGISLATIVE STRATEGIES: EG. BLOCK GRANTS AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING MODEL**

Some points of discussion were as follows:

- Difficulty in telling individual agencies who have major projects planned, that they are part of the broader coalition and that they cannot lobby alone for their individual projects;
- Agencies to pitch and give authors the idea that will allow the Task Force members to come together as a region and talk about, for example, block grant to a region;
- When talking about the regional program, it is just about Chapter 8 monies or broader than that?
- When the principles for one-stop funding process were developed and read by the CALFED Public Advisory Committee, they were thinking beyond Chapter 7 or 8, integrated regional water.
- What types of projects are eligible if they have to be in projects that are identified through an integrated regional water management plan?
- Identify where the most important projects of the 33 counties are. Biggest priority seems to be with clean water type programs.
- Vice-Chairman Zlotnick invited recommendations and consensus from the Legislative Sub-committee to take to the full Task-Force, on a letter going out from Chairman Rippey and Vice-Chairman Zlotnick to Senator Machado. The letter would indicate support for the Senator's efforts to fashion implementing legislation for Prop. 50 that provides for action in accordance with regionally-generated priorities and equitable regional distribution of grants and projects throughout the State.
- A general consensus was reached that Selkirk would draft a letter and route it to the sub-committee for their feedback before the CALFED Task Force meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **CALIFORNIA BUDGET UPDATE AND LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP**

In the absence of Chairman Rippey, Vice-Chairman Zlotnick provided a brief update on the California Budget.

## **RAISING BAY AREA AND TASK FORCE VISIBILITY WITH CALIFORNIA LEGISLATORS**

Selkirk updated the members on the discussions that she had had with the Co-Chairs at a meeting in December. Selkirk reported that Kathleen Van Velsor was working on developing some briefing material on behalf of the Task Force Chairs and other Task Force members in order to set up a day in Sacramento to meet with their respective legislatures so as to pass on a regionally explicit refined message. Selkirk said that the briefing material will also be used as educational material for the general assembly.

## **CALFED AUTHORITY UPDATE**

There was a general discussion on the various names that have been submitted for the board, which was at the Governor's office. Selkirk said that Patrick Wright would be present at the February 27<sup>th</sup> Task Force meeting and would be able to provide an update then.

Greg Zlotnick reported on his meeting with U.S. Senator Feinstein, Asst. Secretary Raley and Senator Machado in Washington.

Zlotnick provided some names of various water agencies that were present at this meeting, namely; EBMUD, SCVWD, CCWD, Sierra Club, four labor representatives and Senator Feinstein's staff. Senator Feinstein provided four options and asked for everyone's thoughts on them:

1. Reintroduce Feinstein/Kyle bill
2. To redo the two paragraphs, the two sentences that were passed out of committee, they were very short general authorizations.
3. To revert to project by project legislation
4. To do a specific limited reauthorization on storage projects

Zlotnick said that Option 4 did not get much discussion, Option 3 was taken off the table, requests were made to run the Feinstein/Kyle bill again and if that didn't work, then the Senator would move to Option 2, with special language in terms of storage, balance and government issues.

Zlotnick said he was concerned that if the Feinstein/Kyle bill doesn't pass, then the process would seem to stop.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Vice-Chairman Zlotnick asked for an update on the status of the newly formed agency "BARWSCA". The following information was provided to him by the members.

- The 29 Bay Area Agencies now have to formally vote to join this new regional district which is called "The Bay Area Regional Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BARWSCA)".
- First, 27 of the 29 water agencies, cities and water districts will vote whether to formally become part of this district and second, who to appoint to the funding agency. 2 agencies were private companies, CALWATER and Stanford.
- By May, BARWSCA will convene as a new Water District representing 29 agencies and so will the Funding Authority. Both these agencies will then choose its officers, hire an executive director and other staff

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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